

Governor's Council on Forestry: Tuesday, Sept 13th & Wednesday, Sept 14th

Meeting Location: Milwaukee Service Center, Harbor Room
1027 West St. Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233

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Minutes

Tuesday, September 13 th	Supporting Documents	Discussion	Decisions, Action Items, Assignments
12:30 PM Welcome & Member Introductions (Chair Hittle)			
12:40 PM Chair Update		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New CNNF Forest Supervisor to start in a few weeks 	
1:00 Open Forum for Council Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profile Committee Update Other member items		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profile Committee Update: Website views and page views. • Upcoming events: Annual WI SAF meeting (October), 20th anniversary of Council on Forestry, Lake States Lumber Association meeting (October 11-12 in Stevens Point). • Tax Law Section is hosting a Town Hall on updates to protocols on management practices and services accepted. • Would like to send a letter of the Pelican River Forest conservation easement to the DNR board. Looking to request their support for the project. Chair Hittle and vice-chair Dallman will send out information and provide a deadline for feedback. • Bat Habitat Conservation Plan is currently open for comments 	

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1:30 County Forest Update Rebekah Luedtke (Executive Director, Wisconsin County Forests Association)	WCFA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest certification audit in August; 1 minor corrective action and 1 observation for improvement • Have new 5-year strategic plan and a new website 	
1:40 PM 23-25 State Budget Update Jeff Stagg & Mike Warnke (WI DNR)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretary's office will submit DNR budget to DOA later this week; unlikely to be any new requests for money. That budget will go to NRB, then to the governor's office, and then Joint Finance Committee. • A lot more federal money available due to IIJA and Inflation Reduction Acts. Federal money is coming through existing channels. 	
2:10 PM BREAK, 15 min			
2:25 PM Urban & Rural Forest Inventory Analysts & Urban Heat Island Project Dan Buckler (Urban Forest Inventory Analyst, WI DNR)	Urban and Rural Forest Analysts & Urban Heat Island Project Presentation WI Community Tree Map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Forest Inventory Analyst started yesterday. They administer contracts with data collection crews • Rural forest inventory analysis has been established since 1930; urban forest inventory analysis since 2015 • Recent project initiative on green infrastructure and urban heat island effects to help inform mitigation effects and resource allocation needs in high-heat events. Results are still in draft form 	
3:00 PM Urban Forestry Economic Study Laura Buntrock (Urban Forestry Policy & Partner Analyst, WI DNR) and Ram Dahal (Forest Economist, WI DNR)	UF Economic Study Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI Report UF Economic Analysis • WI Fact Sheet UF Economic Analysis • Regional Report UF Economic Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted a survey and economic analysis that could be replicated statewide and nationally and conducted on a 5-year interval • Objective was to quantify urban forestry's economic contribution • Worked with many partners across the northeast region • Using results of the analysis to further highlight economic and ecological importance of Wisconsin's urban forests. 	
3:45 PM Build Back Better Coalition Update & Next Steps Build Back Better Coalition Team	Roadmap Org Chart and Roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even though Build Back Better grant was not awarded to WI, still working to fund portions of the proposal • Looking for \$9M to seed for a \$30M R&D facility at UWSP • Draft support letter from the council would mean a lot. • Discussed the roadmap and governance, and value it will have when receive funding 	
4:30 PM Legislative Updates		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates to share 	

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<p>4:45 PM State Forester Updates</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For DNR federal funding, a little less than 16% is from federal funding (mainly for water regulations) • NASF meeting next week for annual meeting, will likely discuss more around federal funding. • Sent division staff out of state for fire assistance • Will be doing state lands certification audit next week. • Tax Law had their audit at the end of August • Have a little over 3 vacancies in forest tax law section • In process for hiring: forestry technicians, foresters, forest certification coordinator, workforce development specialist, forest products specialist, and forestry business services bureau director 	
<p>5:00 PM ADJOURN</p>			

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<p>8:00 AM Mass Timber Discussion Scott Lyon, (Forest Products Specialist, WI DNR)</p>	<p>State of Mass Timber in WI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed challenges and opportunities for more mass timber utilization in WI 	
<p>9:00 AM Break/Travel to Ascent Building</p>			
<p>9:30 AM</p>	<p>Tour Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 FEC Annual Report 		

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Ascent Building Tour & Forest Exploration Center Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2019-2021 FEC Strategic Plan• FY20 FEC Accomplishments Report• FY21 FEC Work Plan and Budget		
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